IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Art Group Unit: 1772 Examiner: Chevalier, Alicia Ann Serial No.: 09/889,269 Filing Date: July 13, 2001 Title: METAL MATERIAL HAVING FORMED THEREON CHROMIUM OXIDE PASSIVE FILM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME, AND PARTS CONTACTING WITH FLUID AND SYSTEM

Petition for Extension of Time

MS: RCE

Commissioner for Patents

PO Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for filing of the Response in the above-entitled application for five months from August 9, 2004 to March 9, 2005.

Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3550) which covers the Extension of Time fee, three additional Independent Claims fee, and RCE fee required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17.

Respectfully submitted

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